

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICANTS: Boyce D. Burts, Jr. § ART UNIT NO.: 1721
§
FILED: October 31, 1997 §
§ EXAMINER: C. Kelly
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SERIAL NO. 08/962,209 §
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TITLE: *Additive For, Treatment Fluid For* §
and Method of Plugging a Tubing/ §
Casing Annulus in a Wellbore § DOCKET NO. 23267/19C2

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculation of the filing fee.

The following amendments are respectfully submitted:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, prior to the section "Background of the Invention" please insert:

Related Application Data

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